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This communication is in response to the Office Action of May 8, 2007 wherein two inventions were identified and election of a single invention was required.

In the Office Action two inventions were identified:

- I. Claims 1-41, 45, and 46 drawn to a stent assembly; and
- II. Claims 42-44 drawn to a method of construction.

In the response filed June 7, 2007, Applicants provisionally elected Invention I. Though, Applicants made no amendments to the claims in the June 7, 2007 response, a subsequent Notice of Noncompliant Amendment was mailed June 12, 2007, which asserted that claim 4 was missing from listing of the claims.

As a result of a typographical error, Applicants acknowledge that claim 4 is missing from the claims set originally filed with the Application as well as in the recitation of the claims in the June 7, 2007 response. As a result of the missing claim, Applicants have corrected the numbering of the claims (as shown above) such that claims 1-45 are now pending.

Applicants reiterate their election of invention I, which is believed to correspond to claims 1-40, 44, and 45.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing it is believed that the present application, with claims 1-40, 44, and 45 is in condition for allowance. Early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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